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## FACTSHEET

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**TITLE:** CIP amendment for the capital improvement projects on the April 2015 primary election ballot for an additional 1/4 cent sales tax increase.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Public Safety Project Review Committee

**APPLICANT:** Lincoln Fire and Rescue, LPD, 911 Communications

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommended these projects move forward with the increased local option sales tax as the funding source.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** Several other city departments and other outside users use the radio system

**SPONSOR:** Tom Casady

**OPPONENTS:**

### REASON FOR LEGISLATION

To amend the 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to change the funding source for project 0765 Radio System Upgrade, to change the funding source to "local option sales tax for public safety" and move projects 0240 and .348 for the co-location of Fire Station 12 with an LPD precinct, project 0172 New Fire Station 15, project 0207 Station 10 relocation and project 0662 New Fire Station 16 into the first year of the CIP, change the funding source to local option sales tax for public safety and to specify that proceeds from the increased tax be deposited into separate accounts.

### DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

A committee of citizens has recommended a ballot question be put to voters in the April 2015 primary election to increase the local option sales tax rate from 1.50% to 1.75% with the proceeds to be used to upgrade the public safety radio system and to implement the fire station optimization plan, with one facility to also house a LPD precinct. This legislation amends the previously adopted Capital Improvement Program budget to move the associated projects into the first year of the CIP from out years and change the funding source to "local option sales tax for public safety."

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** This will replace the current outdated radio system and relocate and add public safety facilities to provide better fire and rescue response times and police efficiencies.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** \$34.5 Million net of radio system contributions

**RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:** There will be a reduction of travel time on police shifts. Fire stations will be staffed with existing companies.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** An increase in the local option sales tax rate from 1.50% to 1.75%

**CITY:** 100% of the increased sales tax.

**NON CITY:** Other users of the radio system will make contributions to the cost of their equipment and the system.

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